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ACTION OPIC-06

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INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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DEPARTMENT ALSO PASS OPIC FOR HENDERSON; ABIDJAN FOR PARNELL

1. PARNELL DEPARTED ACCRA MORNING MARCH 12 AFTER COMPLETING ADVANCE WORK. HE WILL CABLE FROM ABIDJAN HIS REPORT, TO INCLUDE SUGGESTED WESTAM MISSION PROGRAM ACCRA. IN BRIEF, IT INCLUDES EMBASSY BRIEFING 0800 MARCH 22, CALLS ON VARIOUS COMMISSIONERS (EQUIVALENT TO MINISTERS) AND THIER SENIOR COLLEAGUES IN ECONOMIC PLANNING, INDUSTRIES, TRADE AND TOURISM, AGRICULTURE, AND FINANCE MINISTRIES, POSSIBLY CALL ON HEAD OF STATE, ROUND TABLE WITH SENIOR RESIDENT REPS. OF U.S. BUSINESS FIRMS AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE 1700 MARCH 22, FOLLOWED THERE AT 1900 BY AMBASSADOR'S RECEIPTION FOR MISSION TO INCLUDE CROSS-SECTION IMPORTANT DECISION MAKERS, MARCH 23 CONTINUING WITH CALLS AND POSSIBLY (IF TIME ALLOWS) TOUR OF LOCAL MANUFACTURING FACILITY.

2. PARNELGUHAS AGREED DESPITE HIGH COST TO RENTAL OF AIRCONDITIONED BUS AT APPROXIMATELY DOLS 220/DAY NECESSARY MARCH 22 AND 23. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE TRANSFER FROM AIRPORT TO HOTEL (ONE MILE) EVENING MARCH 21 FOR ONLY DRIVERS' OVERTIME COST IN EMBASSY CARRYALLS.

3. FOLLOWING CLEARED BY PARNELL PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE.

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4. MUST HAVE DETAILS SOONEST REGARDING PARTICIPANTS: SPECIFICALLY

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A. WHAT DOES AVI MANUFACTURING DO?
B. WHO (NAME, TITLE) IS CHEMTEX OFFICIAL?
C. WHAT AND WHERE (FULL ADDRESS) IS INTERNATIONAL METALS PROCESSING; WHAT DO THEY DO; WHAT IS FRANK TYE'S TITLE?
D. WHO (NAME, TITLE) IS LYKES OFFICIAL?
E.DITTO MFC SERVICES?
F. SITTO SPAW-GLASS, INC?
G. IS INTERNATIONAL PAPER INCLUDED? IF SO, WHO, TITLE?

5. IN VIEW EXTREMELY SLOW POUCHES AND MAIL, PLEASE MAKE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN GROUP CARRIES AT LEAST FIFTY RPT 50 COPIES OF BROCHURE FOR ACCRA STOP ALONE. BOOKLET SHOULD BE FULLY UP-TO-DATE (I.E., INAPPLICABLE PAGES ALREADY REMOVED) UPON ARRIVAL. ALSO NECESSARY COPIES OF OPIC ANNUAL REPORT; POUCHED COPIES NOTED IN STATE 58090 PROBABLY WILL NOT RPT NOT ARRIVE UNTIL AFTER MISSION DEPARTS.

6. ALL MISSION MEMBERS MUST HAVE GHANAIAN VISAS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL. IN VIEW OF NEW "CEDI VOUCHER" REQUIREMENTS OF PRIOR DEPOSIT CEDIS 70 PLUS CEDIS 20 PER DAY, WE ASSUME EACH PARTICIPANT WILL BE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE CEDIS 110 (DOLS 95.65) IN VOUCHERS IN ORDER TO ENTER GHANA (SEE ACCRA 1102 AND 1456). BIRD SHOULD BE PREPARED TO USE PROCEEDS OF THESE VOUCHERS TO PAY HOTEL CHARGES, AND MUST KEEP RECEIPTS OF EXCHANGE OF VOUCHERS FOR CASH.

7. ALL PARTICIPANTS SHOULD HAVE TAKEN MALARIA SUPPRESSANT TABLETS (ARALEN OR EQUIVALENT) AT LEAST TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL WEST AFRICA, AND SHOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE DURING STAY IN WEST AFRICA AND SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS BEYOND. ALL MUST HAVE HAD SMALLPOX (WITHIN 3 YEARS), CHOLERA (WITHIN 6 MONTHS), YELLOW FEVER (WITHIN 10 YEARS) INOCULATIONS; TYPHOID (WITHIN 3 YEARS), DIPHTERIA/TETANUS (WITHIN 10 YEARS), AND GAMMA GLOBULIN (WITHIN 6 MONTHS) ALSO RECOMMENDED.

8. PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BRING WITH THEM ALL NECESSARY TOILETRIES, FILM, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, AND LIQUOU, ALL OF WHICH EITHER UNOBTAINABLE HERE OR EXTREMELY HIGH-PRICED. LIQUOR CAN BE BOUGHT FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE ON ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT DUTY-FREE SHOP BEFORE CLEARING IMMIGRATION, BUT IF FLIGHT LATE
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SHOP WILL BE CLOSED.

9. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT LARGE NUMBER OF GOG AGENCIES AND TRADE ASSOCIATIONS MUST BE INVITED TO AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION IN ORDER TO USE MISSION MEMBERS' TIME EFFICTIVELY, AND THAT GROUP WILL NECESSARILY INCLUDE LOCAL SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF U.S. BUSINESS FIRMS -- WHO WILL HAVE GIVEN IN-DEPTH BRIEFING TO MISSION AT RESIDENCE IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO RECEIPTION

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--, WE EXPECT SOME 150 PERSONS TO ATTEND. ACCORDINGLY, DOLS
200 ALLOCATED ENTIRELY INADEQUATE. REQUEST INCREASE TO DOLS
500 TO PRECLUDE DEPLETING FURTHER ALREADY INADEQUATE
REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCE FOR POST, WHICH OF COURSE
EXTABLISHED WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF OPIC MISSION.

10. IT WOULD BE HIGHLY USEFUL FOR MISSION LEADER TO HAVE
PREPARED TEXTS (FOR HANDOUTS TO PRESS, WHICH OTHERWISE MIGHT
MISUNDERSTAND AND SELECT OUT OF CONTEXT EX TEMPORE STATEMENTS)
OF REMARKS TO BE MADE TO SENIOR GOG OFFICIALS WHEN GROUP
CALLS ON THEM, AS WELL AS OF POSSIBLE AIRPORT DEPARTURE
STATEMENT.

11. WE ARE WORKING ON POSSIBILITY OF CALL ON HEAD OF STATE.
PLEASE NOTIFY BY CABLE EXACT NATURE (WITH WORDING) OF ANY
PRESENTATION (CERTIFICATE, MEDAL, ETC.) TO BE MADE TO HIM
OR OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS BY OPIC MISSION. NOTE CAREFULLY
THAT WITH HIS RECENT PROMOTION PROPER DESIGNATION IS QUOTE
GENERAL I.K. ACHEAMPONG, HEAD OF STATE AND CHAIRMAN,
SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL UNQUOTE.
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